

**REMARKS**

The following remarks are submitted to be fully responsive to the Official Action dated September 9, 2005. It is further submitted that this response is timely filed within the three-month shortened statutory period as extended by the One-Month Extension of Time filed herewith. Should additional fees be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Kagan Binder Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and thereafter notify us of the same. Reconsideration of all outstanding grounds of the rejection and allowance of the subject application are believed in order and respectfully requested.

By this amendment, the allowable subject matter within dependent claims 2 and 7, as indicated by the Examiner in the Official Action dated September 9, 2005, has been incorporated within independent claims 1 and 12, respectively. Claims 13 and 14 stand allowable. Dependent claim 2 is also cancelled as its subject matter is now incorporated within claim 1. Accordingly, it is submitted that all pending claims 1 and 3-14 are in condition for allowance.

In view of the above remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims and the present application are now in condition for allowance, which allowance is earnestly solicited. In the event that a phone conference between the Examiner and the Applicant's undersigned attorney would help resolve any remaining issues in the application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned as set out below.

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Respectfully Submitted,  
  
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